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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYAS AND MEANS**

**Monday, March 28, 2016
9:15 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2059, HOUSE DRAFT 2, SENATE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR
KEHALANI OFFSITE RETENTION BASIN**

House Bill 2059, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 2 proposes to authorize the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist the owner of the Kehalani Offsite Retention Basin (Basin), make safety improvements to the facility which would benefit the public's health, safety and general welfare. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this measure as it would assist the dam owner with an economic means to bring their facilities in compliance with current safety standards and reduce the risk of a dam failure to the surrounding community.**

The Basin is located in Central Maui and is a regulated dam under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 179D, (Hawaii Dam Safety Act of 2007). Construction on the dam and retention basin began in 2003 and is still not completed. The Basin serves as a storm retention basin for the Kehalani Subdivision and does receive mauka offsite flows in addition to those from the subdivision. The dam has a height of 30 feet and maximum storage area in excess of 490 acre feet (approx. 160 million gallons). Land use in the downstream drainage includes new residential construction and existing residential development in the town of Wailuku. Due to its location, the Basin is classified as a high hazard structure. A high hazard structure is defined as a dam or reservoir whose failure will result in probable loss of human life.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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House Bill No. 2059, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, authorizes the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds (SPRB) up to \$5,570,250 to provide financing to assist RCFC Kehalani, LLC, with Kehalani offsite retention basin improvement work pursuant to Act 147, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012.

The Department is providing comments only to advise the Legislature and prospective SPRB parties that should the legislation be approved, approval of the SPRB issuance will require further discussion and satisfactory credit underwriting review of the financing components with respect to any proposed financing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Comments: The Hawaii Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers because it would provide financial assistane to the owner of the dam to make essential repairs and maintenance for the continued use of the dam. ASCE has supported through its Infrastructure Score Card that reports on the condition of dams throughout Hawaii.

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